

FATHER DOMINIC DeMAIO, O.P.



Fr. Dominic DeMaio is a member of the Western Dominican Province. His education includes a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in Theology from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA. Before entering the Dominicans, Fr. DeMaio studied International Studies and Spanish at the University of Oregon. Fr. DeMaio had the opportunity to study theology in Mexico City for one year and speaks Spanish fluently.

His experience includes serving as Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska for four years, serving in parish ministry in Mexicali, Mexico for two years and at St. Dominic's parish in Los Angeles, California for three years. Serving the Latino Community has been a lifelong passion of Fr. DeMaio. Fr. DeMaio's experience includes serving Latinos from throughout Central and South America, the Caribbean and various parts of Mexico.

THE STIPEND

The expense of the parish renewal is covered by allowing Fr. DeMaio to take a collection on the last day of the Parish Renewal for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to educate the Dominican Students studying for the Priesthood and Religious Life.

The greatest need in the Church today is for faithful and loving priests willing to give their lives in the service of the Church. To this end, and this end alone, the collection at the end of the parish renewal is dedicated.

Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated and will help ensure that our Province will continue to be able to serve the needs of the Catholic Church in the West.

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A PARISH RENEWAL

WEEK-LONG
MISSION/RENEWAL
FOR YOUR PARISH



A parish mission/renewal that allows the Scriptures to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus in our lives and allow Him to revive and enliven our practice of the faith so that it changes us and those around us for the better.

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ENCOUNTER AND TRANSFIGURATION

In the preached Word, God makes himself present so as to **encounter** the Christian with his love and grace and **transfigure** him into the likeness of Jesus.

Vatican II reminds us that Jesus is PRESENT when we listen to the words of the Scripture proclaimed in the Church and expounded in the homily.

“He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church.”

—(Sacrasanctum Concilium, 7)

It is to this very **encounter** that the Church calls us today as Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges in his exhortation, “*Verbum Domini*”:

In a world which often feels that God is superfluous or extraneous, we confess with Peter that He alone has “the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68). There is no greater priority that this: to enable the

people of our time once more to encounter God, the God who speaks to us and shares his love so that we might have life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10).

To catalyze this encounter through the preached word and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the primary goal of the parish renewal.

To facilitate this, I will base all my preaching on the written Word of God, read in the light of Sacred Tradition and the experience of God’s people.

At the end of every service, I will hear confessions.

If it is suitable, I am willing to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing and perform any other services as needed by the parish.

Other mission themes of a spiritual nature that respond to specific needs of special groups can be offered.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

As I want to be of use to the parish in any possible way, the schedule will depend upon the needs of the parish. Generally though, I will include the following:

- **Saturday**—Preach at all the evening Masses on the readings for that Sunday.
- **Sunday**—Preach at all the Masses on the readings of that day.
- **Monday through Thursday**
 - Preach and celebrate any Mass or Masses assigned by the pastor
 - Celebrate the renewal service at the time deemed most suitable by the pastor and his staff
 - Hear confessions after all the services
 - Address any group in the parish or render any other service as requested by the pastor.

The proposed schedule is flexible and can be adapted to whatever format the pastor, who best knows his flock, deems most workable.